

Blackdown Manor

Region: Somerset Sleeps: 24

Overview

Built in the late 1800's for a gentleman JP, Blackdown Manor is an impressive stone built country house set in 22 acres of landscaped woodland on the Blackdown hills in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

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Facilities



Interior & Grounds

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The property consists of the main house and cottage which together can accommodate up to 24 guests in comfort. In front of the house is a natural pond with its own island gazebo and to the west of the property is woodland featuring many rare and specimen trees.

The main house sleeps 14 people in 7 bedrooms. There are 5 bathrooms of which 2 are en-suite.

- On the Ground Floor there is a zip & link double bedroom.
- The First Floor offers 3 doubles, 2 twins and 1 zip & link double bedroom.

Additional accommodation in Keepers Cottage (20 metres from main house). The cottage sleeps a further 10 people in 5 bedrooms with 3 bathrooms 1 of which is en-suite.

- The Ground floor has 2 zip & link double bedrooms.
- The First Floor offers 2 zip & link double bedrooms and 1 double bedroom.

You will also find a two acre spring fed fishing lake which borders onto a newly planted cider apple orchard. The grounds are spectacular and lend themselves to a range of country pursuits (archery, fishing, clay shooting to name a few) so your group can stay and play without ever having to leave site!



Location & Local Information

The options are virtually endless, but here are some of the more popular activities.

Massage: Just the thing to soothe away stress! The masseurs come to the house for a minimum of 3 hours, for either hour or half hour treatments.

Archery, laser clay, pistol and clay shooting can be arranged in the grounds, ideal if you are short of time or don't fancy driving further afield.

If you don't mind a scenic drive down to Exmoor, there is nothing more exhilarating than Horse Riding on the hills. This can be combined with Fly Fishing tuition and Clay Shooting as all three are quite near each other.

On the entertainment front, casino night is very popular (strictly for fun, the house does not have a gaming licence!). The manor can also arrange a murder mystery or you can choose from a wide range of musicians, from a pianist to a ceilidh or from Blue Grass to dinner jazz and anything in between.

A newly converted coach house now provides a fabulous indoor space for table tennis, table football and snooker.

Cooking skills: let chefs work with you and have a fun experience producing a meal for yourselves – the Thai course is very popular.

Golf: Oliver's VIP Concierge Team can direct you to excellent parkland, championship and links courses all within 5-10 miles of the property.

Walking: Whether you want a gentle stroll, or a more energetic hike up a hillside, there is something for everyone, (mostly with a pub along the way!) there are maps and guided walks at the houses.

Quantock Hills, home and inspiration to the writers Wordsworth and Coleridge and home for the oldest breed of wild pony. Glorious for walking, especially down Dead Woman's Ditch!

The Blackdown Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the West Country's best kept secret.

Exmoor, including Lorna Doone country, are Tarr Steps are all beautiful areas to explore.

Surfing: Oliver's VIP Concierge Team can direct you to great spots or arrange excellent private tuition for your group, including all equipment.



Branscombe Beach, on the south coast near Lyme Regis, is a romantic, wonderful, shingle beach. Early summers evening barbecues on the beach are also highly recommended!

Saunton Sands; near Barnstaple, north Devon, is a two mile stretch of lovely, soft, sandy beach. Around the corner is the popular surfing beach Croyde Bay and Woolacombe Sand. Roads around this area can get busy in the peak summer months.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000. This is paid prior to arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: 4 pm onwards.
- Departure time: 10 am.
- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: All linen and bath towels are included in the rental price.
- Pets welcome?: No pets
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included. Please leave the property in the state that you found it.
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking in the property
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Changeover day: 7 night stays must start on a weekday and will only include one weekend.
- Internet access?: Yes (no Wi-Fi access available)